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E-ZPASS TO GO LIVE AT DOVER AND ROCHESTER TOLLS ON AUGUST 15
SECOND "E-ZPASS ONLY" LANE BEING OPENED AT HAMPTON TOLLS

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces the Dover and Rochester Tolls on the Spaulding Turnpike will begin accepting E-ZPass electronic toll transactions at 5:00 pm on Monday, August 15, 2005.

The introduction of E-ZPass at Dover and Rochester will complete the implementation of electronic tolling on the New Hampshire Turnpike System that began at the Hooksett and Bedford Tolls on July 11.

Due to the rapidly growing percentage of E-ZPass customers in the first week at the Hampton Tolls, an anticipated second "E-ZPass Only" designated lane will be open in both directions at the mainline facility by this afternoon (August 11). Approximately 25% of all transactions at Hampton are with E-ZPass. An "E-ZPass Only" lane in both directions on the Hampton Ramp will be opened later this month with the completion of a construction project that adds an eighth lane at the ramp plaza.

To date, more than 214,000 transponders have been ordered since E-ZPass marketing began in late June. In its fourth week of operation at the Bedford and Hooksett Toll Plaza, E-ZPass usage has climbed to 21% of all motorists in Bedford and 18% in Hooksett.